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H.Res. __ - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001 (*Hoyer, D-MD*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. __ resolves that the House of Representatives:

- "Recognizes September 11 as a day to mourn and remember those taken from their loved ones and fellow citizens, and as a day for the people of the United States to recommit to the Nation and to each other;
- "Once again extends its deepest sympathies to the friends, families, and loved ones of the innocent victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks;
- "Honors the heroic service and sacrifices of first responders, law enforcement personnel, State and local officials, volunteers, and others who aided the victims and, in so doing, bravely risked and often sacrificed their own lives and health;

- “Expresses gratitude to the foreign leaders and citizens of all nations who have assisted and continue to stand in solidarity with the United States against terrorism in the aftermath of the attacks;
- “Recognizes the heroic service of United States personnel, including members of the Armed Forces, intelligence agencies, the diplomatic service, the law enforcement and homeland security communities, and their families, who have sacrificed much, including their lives and health, to defend their country against terrorists;
- “Vows that it will continue to defend the people of the United States and to identify, intercept, and defeat terrorists, including providing the Armed Forces, intelligence agencies, the diplomatic service, and the law enforcement and homeland security communities with the resources and support necessary to effectively accomplish this mission; and
- “Reaffirms that the American people will never forget the sacrifices made on and since September 11, 2001.”

The resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “On the morning of September 11, 2001, terrorists hijacked and destroyed four civilian aircraft, crashing two of them into the towers of the World Trade Center in New York City and a third into the Pentagon outside of Washington, D.C.;
- “The passengers and crew aboard the fourth civilian aircraft, United Airlines Flight 93, acted heroically to prevent the terrorist hijackers from taking additional American lives, by crashing the plane in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and sacrificing their own lives instead;
- “The United States remains steadfast in its determination to defeat, disrupt, and destroy terrorist organizations and seeks to harness all elements of national power, including its military, economic, and diplomatic resources, to do so;
- “Congress has passed, and the President has signed, numerous laws to protect the Nation, prevent terrorism at home and abroad, assist victims of terrorism, and support, in the field and upon return, the members of the Armed Forces who courageously defend the United States;
- “Immediately following September 11, 2001, the Armed Forces moved swiftly against al-Qaeda and the Taliban, which the President and Congress had identified as enemies of the United States;
- “In doing so, brave members of the Armed Forces left loved ones in order to defend the Nation and, in some cases, sustained serious injuries or made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives; and
- “Many members of the Armed Forces remain abroad, defending the Nation from further terrorist attacks and continuing to battle al-Qaeda and the Taliban.”

Committee Action: The resolution has yet to be introduced.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there's no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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**H.Res. 1052 - Honoring the members of the Army National Guard and Air National Guard of the State of Oklahoma for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States since September 11, 2001
(Boren, D-OK)**

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1052 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Expresses its gratitude to the members of the Army National Guard and Air National Guard of the State of Oklahoma and their families for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States since September 11, 2001; and
- “Recognizes the citizen-soldiers and airmen of the Oklahoma National Guard as invaluable to the national security of the United States, vital to defending against threats both foreign and domestic, and essential for responding to State and national emergencies.”

The resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “Since September 11, 2001, units and members of the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard of the State of Oklahoma have been deployed, and are continuously being deployed, in support of United States military operations at home and abroad;
- “The Oklahoma Army National Guard mobilized in 2005 and deployed more than 2,500 soldiers to support relief operations in response to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, including assisting law enforcement agencies with traffic control and security, transporting and distributing food, water, and ice, conducting search and

- rescue and ground and air evacuations, providing generator support, and performing other missions to protect life and property;
- “The 137th Airlift Wing mobilized in 2003 for Operation Iraqi Freedom and deployed to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as part of the largest C-130 wing assembled in history, transporting troops, food, supplies, and equipment to United States forces in Iraq;
 - “The 138th Fighter Wing mobilized in 2005, 2007, and 2008 for Operation Iraqi Freedom and deployed to Iraq to provide close air support and engage in combat missions, during which the 138th Fighter Wing expended 109,000 pounds of combat ordnance and successfully destroyed numerous targets; and
 - “Since September 11, 2001, the 138th Fighter Wing has flown numerous Air Sovereignty Alert missions in the United States, protecting high value domestic targets against attack and contributing to homeland defense, and in 2008 the 138th Fighter Wing was recognized as the most active alert facility in the United States.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1052 was introduced on February 2, 2010, and referred to the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there’s no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 1251 - Recognizing and honoring the United States troops who gave their lives on D-Day at the Battle of Normandy (Poe, R-TX)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1251 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Honors the United States troops who gave their lives in the Battle of Normandy;
- “Recognizes the 66th anniversary of the D-Day landings at Normandy, France; and
- “Expresses gratitude to the ‘greatest generation’ of United States soldiers who fearlessly fought for freedom.”

The resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “June 6 marks the 66th anniversary of the D-Day landings at Normandy, France;
- “31,000 United States soldiers stormed the beaches of Normandy on D-Day and more than 6,000 of them gave their lives fighting for the cause of freedom;
- “Allied troops came ashore on a 60-mile front in the largest seaborne invasion in history;
- “The average age of United States soldiers fighting in the Battle of Normandy was 20 years old; and
- “The Allied landings on D-Day led to the liberation of France and culminated in the ultimate annihilation of the Nazi empire.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1251 was introduced on April 14, 2010, and referred to the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there’s no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.R. 6102 - To amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 to extend the authority of the Secretary of the Navy to enter into multiyear contracts for F/A-18E, F/A-18F, and EA-18G aircraft (*Taylor, D-MS*)

Order of Business: The legislation is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 6102 makes a technical change to the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2010. The legislation would change the date that the Secretary has to certify certain cost savings. The date was originally in March of 2010, and this legislation extends it into September 2010. This would inevitably allow the Secretary of the Navy to enter into multi-year contracts for F/A-18E, F/A-18F, and EA-18G aircraft.

Additional Information: Congress has to give specific authority in order for the Department of Defense (DOD) to enter into a multiyear procurement contract. In the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2010, Congress gave the Navy the authority to enter into a multiyear contract for F/A-18E/F/G aircraft if the Navy submitted certain information by specific dates by March and May of this year. The Navy missed the deadlines, but is asking for permission to enter into the multiyear contract. This multiyear contract will reportedly save 10% over the four years it covers, which is roughly half a billion dollars. This legislation is a technical fix that was requested by the Secretary of the Navy to allow the multiyear contract to proceed.

The language of H.R. 6102 is very similar to Section 122 of [H.R. 5136](#), the National Defense Authorization Act of FY 2011, which passed the House in May of this year.

Committee Action: H.R. 6102 was introduced on August 10, 2010, and referred to the House Armed Services Committee, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO score is unavailable.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there's no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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H.Res. 1571 - Acknowledging and congratulating Miami Dade College on the occasion of its 50th anniversary of service to the students and residents of the State of Florida (Ros-Lehtinen, R-FL)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1571 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Acknowledges and congratulates Miami Dade College on the occasion of its 50th anniversary of academic excellence and service to the residents of the State of Florida.”

The resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “Miami Dade College opened its doors in 1960 as an institute of higher learning for the residents of Miami-Dade County, Florida;
- “The College became the first integrated junior college in the State of Florida, leading the way for other institutions to adopt policies of offering a higher education to persons of all races and ethnicities;
- “The College has the largest enrollment of any college or university in the United States, welcoming nearly 170,000 students annually;
- “52 percent of students are the first in their families to attend college; and
- “2010 marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Miami Dade College.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1571 was introduced on July 29, 2010, and referred to the House Education and Labor Committee, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there’s no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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**H.Res. 1564 - Commending and congratulating Michigan
Technological University on the occasion of its 125th anniversary
(Stupak, D-MI)**

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1564 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Honors the students, alumni, faculty, staff, and board of control of Michigan Technological University on its 125th anniversary and commends the institution's status as a leading public university that excels in high quality education, research, and quality of life for students and the contributions to the State of Michigan, the Nation, and society with the exceptional graduates that will create the future.”

The resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “Michigan Technological University located in Houghton, Michigan, on the beautiful shores of Lake Superior on the spectacular Keweenaw Peninsula is celebrating its 125th anniversary in 2010;
- “Michigan Technological University is nationally ranked as a high research university by the Carnegie Foundation, with research expenditures of some \$55,000,000 annually doing world class cutting edge basic and exceptional applied research;
- “The State of Michigan and the Nation benefit from the influx of such outstanding graduates for the purpose of economic development, innovation, and entrepreneurship; and
- “2010 marks the 125th anniversary of the founding of Michigan Technological University.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1564 was introduced on July 27, 2010, and referred to the House Education and Labor Committee, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Does the Bill Comply with House Rules Regarding Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?: Though the bill contains no earmarks, and there's no accompanying committee report, the earmarks rule (House Rule XXI, Clause 9(a)) does not apply, by definition, to legislation considered under suspension of the rules.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

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**H.Res. 1480 - Commending the University of Southern California
Trojan men's tennis team for its victory in the 2010 National
Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's Tennis Championship
(*Watson, D-CA*)**

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. 1480 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Commends the University of Southern California (USC) Trojan men's tennis team and USC President Steven B. Sample for USC's victory in the 2010 NCAA Men's Tennis Championship;
- “Applauds Coach Peter Smith for his winning his second NCAA Championship as USC's head coach; and
- “Recognizes the achievements of the players, coaches, students, alumni, and staff who were instrumental in helping the University of Southern California win the 2010 NCAA Men's Tennis Championship.”

The resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “The University of Southern California (USC) Trojan men's tennis team has achieved many accomplishments during the 2010 season;
- “USC finished the 2010 season with an overall record of 25-3;
- “The No. 5 seed in the tournament, USC won the 2010 NCAA Championship with a 4-2 victory over the No. 2 seed Tennessee; and
- “Under the leadership of USC's 10th president, Steven B. Sample, USC has established itself as a world-class research university, known for its leadership in the fields of communication, media, public diplomacy, the sciences, and the arts.”

Committee Action: H.Res. 1480 was introduced on June 28, 2010, and referred to the House Education and Labor Committee, which took no public action.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

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H.Res. __ - Expressing support for designation of the week beginning September 19, 2010, as “National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week” (*Grijalva, D-AZ*)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution.

Summary: H.Res. __ resolves that the House of Representatives:

- “Recognizes the achievements and goals of Hispanic-Serving Institutions across the United States;
- “Supports the designation of “National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week”;
- “Requests the President to issue a proclamation designating “National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week”; and
- “Calls on the people of the United States and interested groups to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support for Hispanic-Serving Institutions.”

The resolution contains a number of findings, including:

- “Hispanic-Serving Institutions play an important role in educating many underprivileged students and helping them attain their full potential through higher education;
- “Hispanic-Serving Institutions are degree-granting institutions with a full-time-equivalent undergraduate enrollment of 25 percent or more Hispanic students;

- “There are currently about 268 Hispanic-Serving Institutions in the United States;
- “Celebrating the vast contributions of Hispanic-Serving Institutions contributes to the strength and culture of the United States; and
- “The week of September 19, 2010, would be an appropriate week to designate as ‘National Hispanic-Serving Institutions Week.’”

Committee Action: H.Res. __ has yet to be introduced.

Administration Position: No Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) is available.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any additional expenditures.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

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